

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
LAFAYETTE DIVISION**

**PEDRO SWEETING  
A 74 899 538**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 07-1573  
SECTION P**

**VS.**

**JUDGE MELANCON**

**ALBERTO GONZALES, ET AL.**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE METHVIN**

***REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION***

Before the court is Pedro Sweeting's *pro se* petition for *habeas corpus* (28 U.S.C. § 2241) filed on September 19, 2007. When he filed his petition, petitioner was in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security/Bureau of Immigration Customs Enforcement (DHS/ICE). He was detained at the South Louisiana Correctional Center, Basile, Louisiana, awaiting removal to his native country.

***STATEMENT OF THE CASE***

Relying on *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678, 121 S.Ct. 2491, 150 L.Ed.2d 653 (2001), petitioner argued that his continued detention was in violation of his constitutional rights. The government was served and in due course filed a Motion to Dismiss [doc. 9]. In that Motion the government alleged (and provided documentary proof in support thereof) that petitioner had in fact been removed to his native country on October 4, 2007.

***LAW AND ANALYSIS***

The undisputed evidence establishes beyond any doubt that the petitioner is no longer in custody. Further, the record establishes that the petitioner has demanded only his immediate release throughout these proceedings. Therefore, in light of his removal, the undersigned

concludes that petitioner's *habeas corpus* challenge to post-removal-order detention is now moot and should be dismissed.

Therefore

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Motion to Dismiss [doc. 9] be **GRANTED** and, that the Petition for Writ of *Habeas Corpus* be **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** as moot.

Under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. Section 636(b)(1)(C) and Rule 72(b), parties aggrieved by this recommendation have ten (10) business days from service of this report and recommendation to file specific, written objections with the Clerk of Court. A party may respond to another party's objections within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of any objections or response to the district judge at the time of filing.

**Failure to file written objections to the proposed factual findings and/or the proposed legal conclusions reflected in this Report and Recommendation within ten (10) days following the date of its service, or within the time frame authorized by Fed.R.Civ.P. 6(b), shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking either the factual findings or the legal conclusions accepted by the District Court, except upon grounds of plain error. See, Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association, 79 F.3d 1415 (5th Cir. 1996).**

Signed in chambers on December 3, 2007.



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